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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECTS: PHILIPPINES IRRIGATION STUDIES

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BEGIN SUMMARY: IBRD UNDERSTOOD TO BE CONSIDERING \$100 MILLION MAGAT FOLLOW-ON PROJECT FOR WHICH THERE WILL BE CONSULTANCY OPPORTUNITY. NO OPPORTUNITIES ARE OPEN ON ADB-FINANCED ANGAT-MAGAT PROJECT.

ENGINEERING CONSULTING OPPORTUNITIES MAY ALSO DEVELOP FOR THREE IRRIGATION PROJECTS IN ADB PIPELINE I.E. ILOILO INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT, SALVACION-BUNAUAN IRRIGATION AND PULANGUI RIVER IRRIGATION PROJECTS. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT U.S. INDUSTRY INQUIRY RELATES TO MAGAT FOLLOW-ON PROJECT BEING CONSIDERED BY IBRD RATHER THAN ADB-FINANCED ANGAT-MAGAT PROJECT. FINAL FEASIBILITY STUDY IN MAGAT FOLLOW-ON PROJECT COMPLETED WITH SUBMISSION OF MARCH AND MAY 1974 REPORTS BY PHILIPPINE NATIONAL IRRIGATION ADMINISTRATION UNDER TECHNICAL SUPERVISION OF U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION/ U.S. AID. COPIES ARE AVAILABLE FROM AID AND BUREAU OF RECLAMATION, WASHINGTON, IBRD EVALUATED REPORT IN UNCLASSIFIED

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SEPTEMBER AND ON-SITE TEAM EXPECTED MARCH 1974.

CONSULTANCY CONTRACT EXPECTED TO BE SEVERAL MILLION.
GOP CONSIDERING IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECT IN NEXT YEAR.

2. CONSULTANTS FOR ADB-FINANCED ANGAT-MAGAT PROJECT, SANYU CONSULTANTS LTD. (JAPAN), WERE ENGAGED DECEMBER 1973 TO REVIEW DETAILED DESIGNS PREPARED BY EXECUTING AGENCY; PROVIDE CONTRACTOR SUPERVISION, AND ADVISE ON FORMING COMPACT FARMING UNITS. NO FURTHER CONSULTANCY OPPORTUNITIES REMAIN OPEN FOR THIS PROJECT.

3. THREE ADDITIONAL IRRIGATION PROJECTS ARE IN THE ADB PIPELINE -- ONE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (TA) PROJECT, ILOILO INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT, WHICH INCLUDES IRRIGATION WORKS (SEE MANILA 11681 FOR DETAILS) AND TWO PROPOSED LOAN PROJECTS, SALVACION-BUNAUAN IRRIGATION (AGUSAN DEL SUR) ESTIMATED AT \$3 MILLION AND PULANGUI RIVER IRRIGATION, TENTATIVELY COSTED AT \$4 MILLION. AVAILABLE DETAILS THESE 2 UPCOMING LOAN PROJECTS APPEAR IN ADB'S "MONTHLY OPERATION INFORMATION", SENT TO DOC. AS NOTED IN REPORT, BOTH LOAN PROJECTS SCHEDULED FOR BANK APPRAISAL BEFORE END OF YEAR.

4. U.S. ENGINEERING CONSULTANT FIRMS INTERESTED IN BEING CONSIDERED FOR PARTICIPATION IN ABOVE PROJECTS SHOULD ASSURE THAT: 1A) THEIR FIRMS ARE REGISTERED WITH THE ADB AND REGISTRATION DATA EMPHASIZES THEIR IRRIGATION EXPERTISE, AND
2B) OFFICIALS OF THE FIRM(S) ACQUAINT THE PHILIPPINE AUTHORITIES CONCERNED WITH THEIR INTEREST IN AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION RE ABOVE PROJECTS.

5. EMBASSY AND USADB/MANILA WOULD BE PLEASED TO FACILITATE CONTACTS WITH RELEVANT ADB AND PHIL GOVT OFFICIALS FOR ANY CONSULTANT FIRMS VISITING MANILA PURSUANT TO THESE OR OTHER PROJECTS OFFERING OPPORTUNITIES FOR U.S. FIRMS.
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